

HB 987 -- MO HealthNet Benefits

Sponsor: Barnes

This bill specifies that beginning January 1, 2014, those eligible for MO HealthNet benefits under Section 208.152, RSMo, must include:

- (1) The relative of a dependent child living in the home who ceases to be eligible for benefits as a result of the collection of child or spousal support and who received benefits in at least three of the immediately preceding six months;
- (2) Individuals covered by transitional MO HealthNet under 42 U.S.C. Section 1396r-6;
- (3) Individuals covered by extended MO HealthNet for families on child support closings under 42 U.S.C. Section 1396r-6;
- (4) Pregnant women who meet the requirements for aid to families with dependent children benefits except for the existence of a dependent child in the home; pregnant women who meet the requirements for aid to families with dependent children except for the existence of a dependent child who is deprived of parental support; and pregnant women or infants under one year of age, or both, whose family income does not exceed an income eligibility standard equal to 133% of the federal poverty level (FPL);
- (5) Children between one year of age and six years of age who are eligible for medical assistance and whose family income does not exceed an income eligibility standard equal to 133% of the FPL;
- (6) Children between six years of age and 19 years of age whose family income is equal to or less than 100% of the FPL;
- (7) Children eligible for the federal Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP); and
- (8) Uninsured women at least 18 years of age with a net family income equal to or less than 185% of the federal poverty level and with assets less than \$250,000 who don't have access to employer-provided health insurance.

The bill requires the eligibility for these individuals to be determined by the Department of Social Services by converting applicable income standards to the individual's modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) equivalent net income standard.